

# THE HANDYMAN-PART 4 HOUSE INSPECTION!



Hello, kids! Isn't it thrilling to be a handyman? Like Grandpa says, good handymen are some of the most important people in the Lord's army!

The handyman is the soldier of the Home, always patrolling the grounds to find places that the Enemy could use to attack or hurt somebody.

Uh-oh! That leaking tap is wasting water and making a dangerous puddle! I'd better fix it!



The handyman has to constantly stand in the gap and repair the breaches in the wall to keep the Enemy out and protect the Home!



Hummm! The lock on this door is rather flimsy. We need a stronger one, David.

Like any soldier, he stays in close communication with his Commander-in-Chief. He listens to God's checks and obeys them!

JOHN, CHECK THE DOOR BELL!

Amen Lord!



And like a good General, Grandpa often likes to

check out his team before going with them on a house inspection. Would you like to join us again? This morning, after a good prayer, we went out to the garage to get the tools we needed for our handyman inspection.

Praise the Lord! Looks like you did a good job on organising our handyman supplies here! God bless you, boys! Well, let's have a safety check! Do you have some work-gloves and protective glasses for everyone?



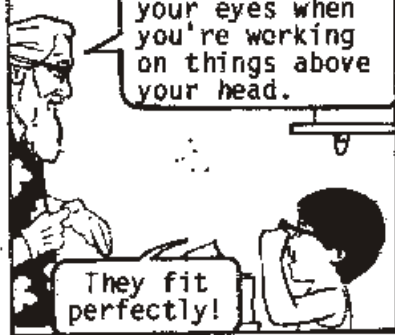
Here are yours, Grandpa!



David, I notice you are already wearing your new handyman tool pouch!



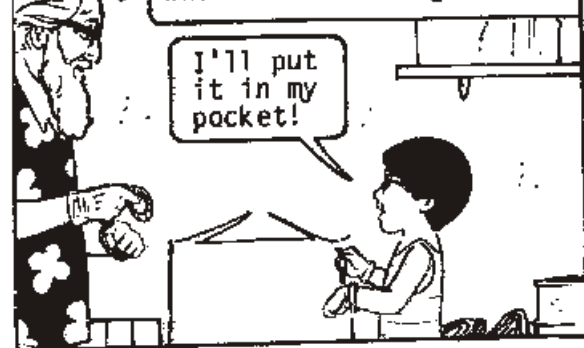
Very good! Now try on your glasses! They'll keep things from falling into your eyes when you're working on things above your head.



And try on your new gloves. They'll protect your hands when you're working.



Now, let's be sure to take off our watches, and any rings or chains. They could be dangerous to wear when we're working!



Don't forget to tuck in your shirt real well. Loose clothing can get caught in a machine or stuck in a dangerous place while you're working.



# LOCKS:

Boys, I was going around the house the first night we were here, and I discovered that some of the doors need better locks!

I put that on the shopping list. Did you get some?

Yes, Sir!  
They're in that small box there!

David, could you please get them for us?

Yes, Sir!

Here they are, Grandpa!

Good! Let's go put them on, shall we?

Yes, Sir!

We should always be very careful about our security so we don't let the Enemy in.

Amen!

The Enemy is always looking for a way to enter our defenses. That is why we need to keep our doors well-locked!

Ahh! It's no use!

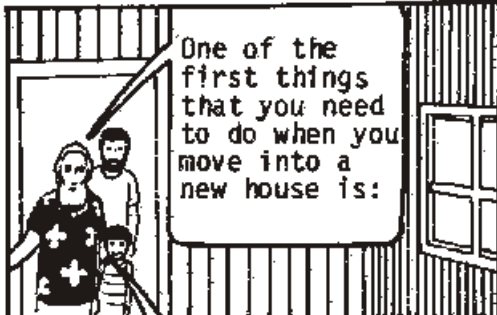
Everything is locked up tight!

Let's go elsewhere!

This room needs a lock!

By the way, because this room is cool and dry, it would make a good room for food storage and survival food.

And that reminds me, Alf, we need to do some shopping soon. Maybe you and Gem could write a list of items that we need to stock up on!



Start stockpiling survival food and supplies. You don't want to get caught short in case of an emergency!

We'll need to build some shelves for this storeroom, Alf, so please make sure to buy the wood and nails we need when you go on the next shopping trip!



Now, back to the locks!



It's very easy to install a lock. First of all, you decide if you're going to put it on the inside or the outside of the door!

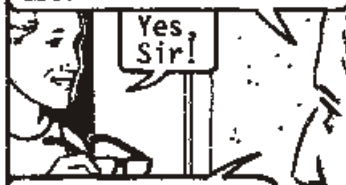


The type of lock you install will depend on this!

On our kitchen door the lock needs to be on the inside of the door, so we can lock it from inside!



John, would you and David like to put on your work glasses now and install the lock on the storage room door?



But on this storage room door, the lock should be on the outside, because we won't be living in there. We'll open it from the outside to get in.

Good! Alf and I will put the one on the kitchen door!

There are different types of locks for different doors.

For this door, let's use this lock.

First, mark with a pencil the place where the lock's screws will go.

Good!

Now, would you like to screw the lock on, David?

Oh, yes! Thanks, Uncle John!

First I'll start the holes for the screws with my drill.

We could use a hammer and a nail if we didn't have a drill! Okay! Now put the screws in!

It's really easy since you started the holes!

Soon--

There! It's all done, Uncle John!

Praise the Lord! That should keep any robbers out! Good job!

Wall

Door

Grandpa, the lock on this door looks real sturdy, too!

HASP LOCK

Praise the Lord!

Later--

Bolt Lock

There! Now we have good strong locks on all the doors and gates!

# STAIR SAFETY

Now, I think we need to go on to the second floor. Let's check all the rooms and see how everyone is doing!

Hello, Grandpa!

Oh, hello, girls!

We're going to work on a special sewing project with Aunt Dora now!

That's very good. But remember, stairways are very dangerous, so be sure that you go slow and hold on to the railing!

Would you like to learn a few more stair safety tips?

Yes, Grandpa!

You already know that you shouldn't run or play on the stairway, don't you?

Yes, Sir!

Not only could you fall down the stairs and hurt yourself, but especially some slick wooden or tile stairs could cause you to slip suddenly!

We try to fix that problem by laying down a strip of stick-on sandpaper tape or rubber grid along the edge of every slippery step on the stairway.

Sometimes we've used wide masking tape in the same way to prevent slips or falls. Some masking tape also shows up in the dark a bit so that you can see the step's edge even at night.

SLIP!



And boys, when you're going up or down the stairs, don't carry a "lazy man's load"--too much at once!



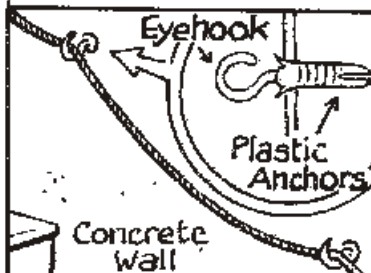
It's better to make two trips and be safe!



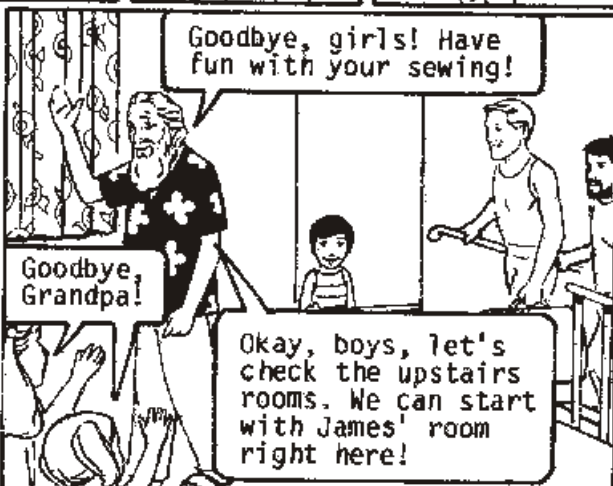
Try to always have one free hand to hold on to the rail!



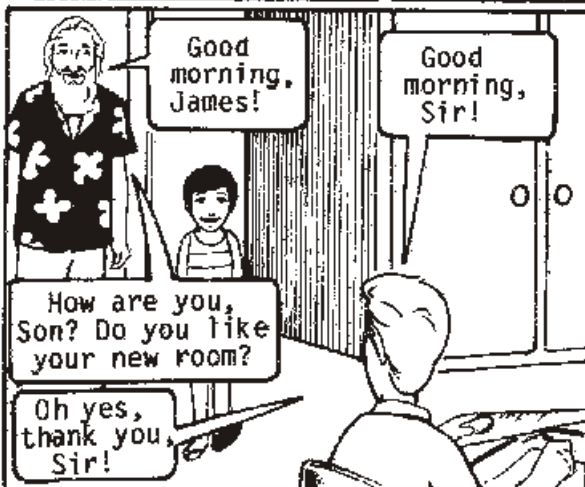
In a house where the stairway doesn't have a banister or a hand-rail, you can easily make one by attaching a heavy rope along one side of the stairway.



Goodbye, girls! Have fun with your sewing!



Okay, boys, let's check the upstairs rooms. We can start with James' room right here!



How is your bed?



# RUGS:

Alf, could you make a note that we should put a rug by this bed?

Yes Sir!

Grandpa! I know where there's an extra rug! I can go and get it!

Good boy!

Soon--

Thank you Son!

Here it is! I beat it outside so it's clean!

I always like to have plenty of rugs around the house--

By the side of beds.

For sure beside a child's bunkbed.

In places in your room where you walk a lot.

Over wires or cables in walkways.

In front of the toilets.

At the bottom of stair-cases, etc.

Now, you have to keep in mind that even though floor-rugs and carpets are necessary for safety and comfort, they can be very dangerous if not taped down securely!

One time I came into the house in a bit of a hurry to go potty.

The rug in front of the toilet wasn't securely taped down.



So as I went to sit on the toilet, the rug slipped from under my feet and I fell down! My back hit against the corner of the bathtub!



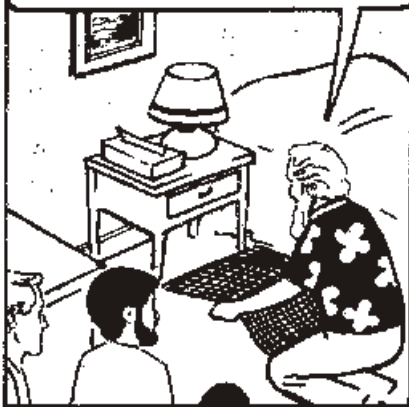
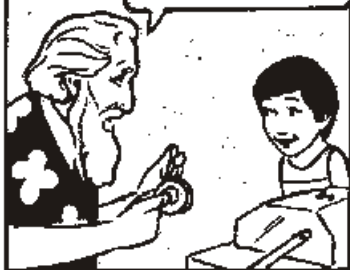
If it hadn't been for the supernatural protection of the Lord, I could have seriously hurt myself! Thank the Lord I only scratched my back!



So you must never forget to tape small rugs firmly to the floor.

In most countries you should be able to buy double-stick tape which is sticky on both sides and keeps the rug from sliding around.

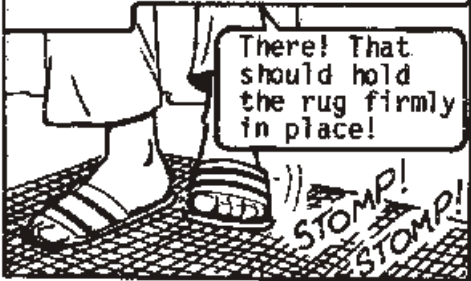
Here would be the best place for James' rug.



First, wipe all the dust from the floor and from the rug so the tape will hold tightly.

Lay the rug down, fold back half of it, and put the tape on the bottom side of the rug--or on the floor where the rug will be.

Then gently lower it to the floor, and do the other side the same way. Finally, stomp on it with all your weight to make sure that the tape sticks firmly to the rug and the floor.



David, now that you understand how to do it, would you like to be in charge of carpet-laying?



I'd be glad to, Grandpa!

All right, Son! You've got the job!

You may want to go around the house with Uncle Alf and make a list of any small carpets we need to buy.

Then you can lay them down. Okay, Son?



Yes, Sir!

## NEON LIGHTS AND CHAIR AND LADDER SAFETY



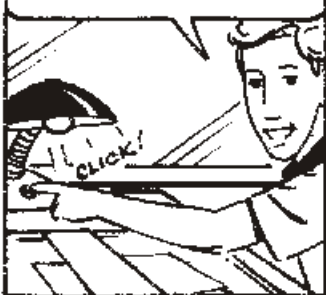
Do you have good lighting on your desk?

Good! Natural light is best for your eyes!

Yes, Sir! During the day at least some light comes in through this window!



But I mostly depend on this little lamp! It had a dim bulb, but I put a brighter one in instead!



Good, but I still think that's not enough light for you, James. This desk is used by different people for lots of close-up work that can strain the eyes!



I have an idea! Why don't we put up a neon light over your head?

Did you buy some neon lights, Alf?



Yes, Sir! They're down in the garage.

Would you and David like to bring them up?

Yes, Sir!

You can use my chair to stand on to do this job, Sir! It's quite sturdy!

Thank you, Son, but chairs are not very safe. They weren't made to stand on.

Would you please go and get our step-ladder, John?

Okay, Sir!

How would we do this job if we didn't have a step-ladder, Grandpa?

Well, if we had no other choice but to use a chair, here's the safest possible way to stand on one. Watch carefully.

First of all, make sure that someone is always holding the chair firmly for you!

Have the chair facing you. Then grab ahold of the back of the chair.

Lord bless and keep you, Grandpa!

Now, lift one foot onto the seat. The place to step is not in the middle of the seat. Step on the sides where it's stronger.

Now, while you're still holding on firmly, lift the other foot onto the other side of the chair!

Step Here  
  
Not here

Then you reach up for whatever you need, preferably hanging onto something so you don't totally depend on the chair to hold you.

But it's best to have a step-stool or ladder.

Also, it's a good idea to pick out a safe, clear spot on the floor where you can jump if you lose your balance and fall.

--Like here!

There! That was a little lesson on how to stand on a chair. Now let's get the step-ladder and put up James' neon light, okay?

Okay, Sir!

I'll clear the work area of any objects that could injure us if we were to fall.

James, we should probably put the neon light right up here so the light comes over your shoulder.

Let's move your desk aside, shall we?

You know, if we put a 40-watt flourescent tube close to you it would be just as bright as that 100-watt bulb!--And use a lot less electricity!

It would also give off a lot less heat!

Right!

We have a nice wooden ceiling, so it should hold the neon light very well.

Grandpa, we're back!

Good! Let's put our safety glasses on and get to work then!

It's good this step-ladder is wooden. When working with electricity, it's best not to use a metal ladder or metal chairs. You could get a real shock!

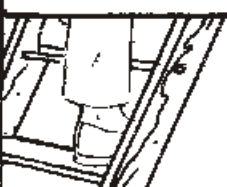


All ladders are very, very dangerous, so someone should always hold them for you!

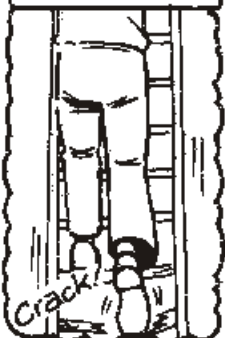
When working with ladders, try to make it impossible for an accident to happen!



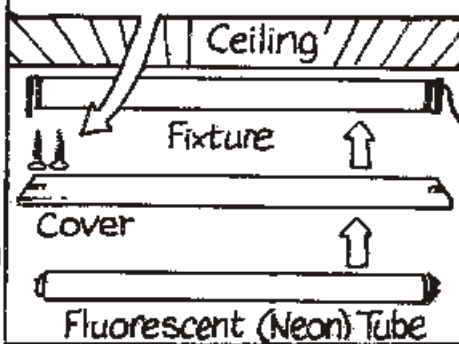
Place your feet on the far right and far left side of each step or rung. There is more support there.



Don't stand in the middle where the step can break!



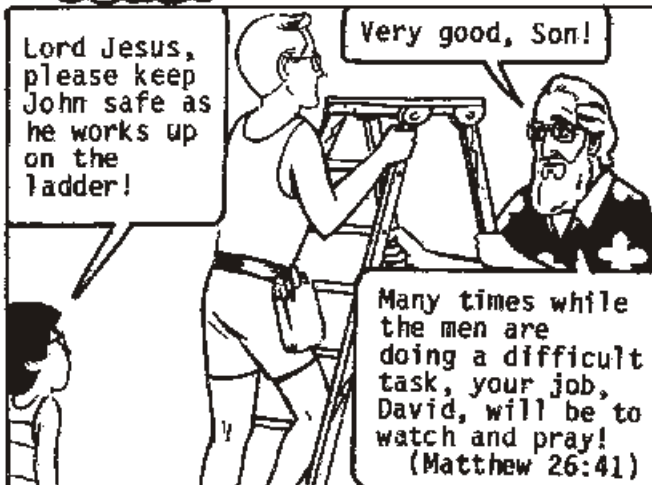
Now, if we were going to attach the fixture directly to the ceiling, we'd need good strong screws.



But because we want to hang the light down closer to James' desk, let's screw these eye-hooks into the ceiling, John!



Lord Jesus, please keep John safe as he works up on the ladder!



Very good, Son!

Many times while the men are doing a difficult task, your job, David, will be to watch and pray!  
(Matthew 26:41)

Alf, would you please measure how much electrical cord we'll need to reach that outlet by James' desk? Then we can attach the cord to the fixture.



And David,  
can you put  
a male plug  
on the end  
of the cord,  
please?

Oh yes,  
I'd like  
to do  
that!!

Soon--

There!  
The cord  
and chains  
are on!

Here, John!  
I'll pass it  
up to you now!

There! It's  
up! Would you  
pass me some  
insulated  
U-shaped  
nails, please?

Eye  
hook

Chain

Here  
they  
are!

These will keep the  
cord in place! I'll  
pound the nails in  
the cracks, so as  
to not damage the  
nice wooden  
ceiling.

TAP!  
TAP! TAP!

There! The cord is secure!  
David, is the plug unplugged?

Yes, Sir!

Good! Alf,  
would you  
pass me the  
neon tube,  
please?

Here it is!  
Careful!

Soon--

Hurray! It works!!

Very good! But there  
is one thing we  
mustn't forget:

How is James going to turn  
his lamp on and off?

He'll have to crawl under  
his desk every time to  
plug and unplug it.

Right! And that  
isn't so handy!



# LIGHT SWITCHES:

It would be easier for him if we put an on/off light switch on the wire. Do we have any, John?

Yes, Sir!  
Right here.

Oh, good! This is the best kind, where all the electrical cord goes inside the switch.

Try not to buy the kind where only one wire goes through, and the other is left to go around the switch.

It's very easy to install an on/off switch: First of all be sure that the electrical cord you will be cutting is not plugged in!

All we need is a pair of wire-strippers, a screwdriver and a pocket-knife.

Find the best and most convenient place to put the switch.

Split apart the two cords and separate them.

It's not.

Very good!

Here would be best!

Cut one of the wires only!

Take off some of its rubber coating.

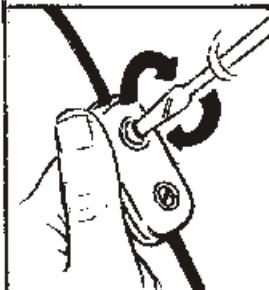
Always use wire-strippers or a knife. Never try to strip the wire with your teeth!

Then screw the two wire ends into their posts.

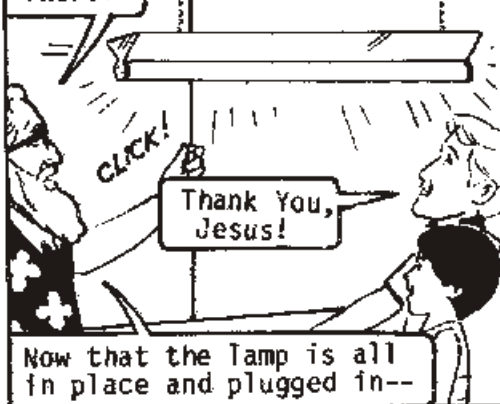
Screw

Wire End

After you screw the switch back together, plug the light in and--



There!



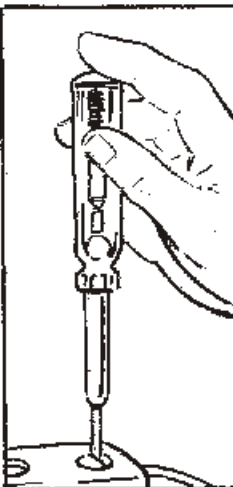
Now that the lamp is all in place and plugged in--

--We should check to make sure that it's not "live".



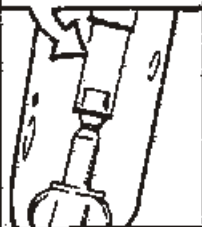
What does "live" mean, Grandpa?

"Live" means it has electricity in it! But if metal is "live" and gives you a shock, that's dangerous and something is wrong with it!

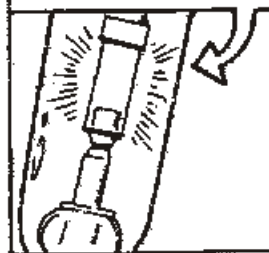


The best tool to use is a tester screwdriver. Place your thumb or forefinger on the handle of the screwdriver and touch a bare metal part of the light fixture with the tip of the screwdriver.

If the little light on your tester screwdriver doesn't go on, then the fixture is safe.



But if it goes on, it means that the metal is "live", and would give you a shock if you touched it with your bare hand.



This one is safe. Thank the Lord! I'll check the light fixture as well!



Yes, and your tester screwdriver is a good brand. That's why when you get tools like these, always be sure that they are of good quality! You can't trust some of the cheaper models!

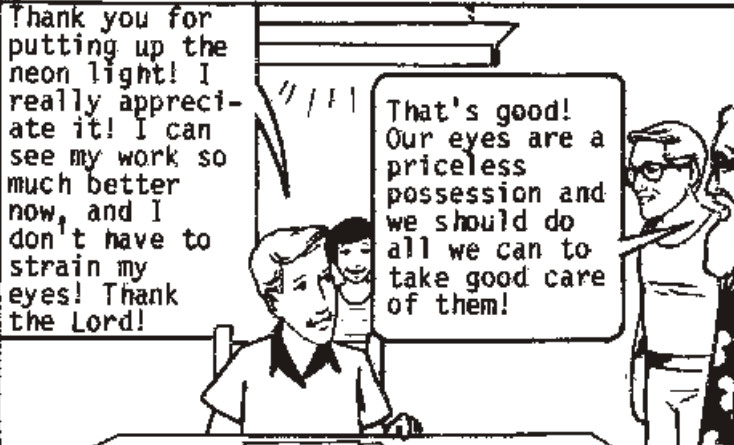


The same thing goes for light bulbs!

Be sure to get light bulbs that are from a well-known brand, made by a good company. Light bulbs of a cheaper, unknown brand may sometimes explode!

Thank you for putting up the neon light! I really appreciate it! I can see my work so much better now, and I don't have to strain my eyes! Thank the Lord!

That's good! Our eyes are a priceless possession and we should do all we can to take good care of them!

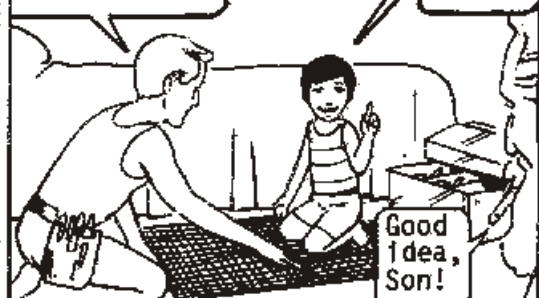
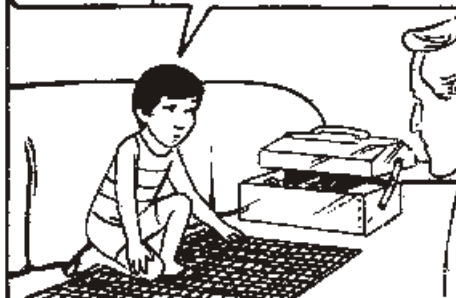


### HANDYMAN INSPIRATION

OOPS! I dropped a tiny pin on the floor when I was putting the tools away! It must've fallen on the rug! Lord help me to find it!

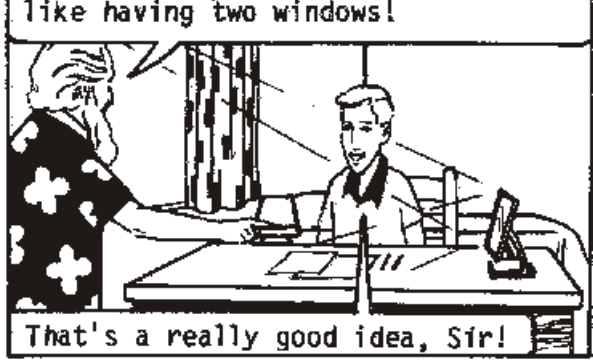
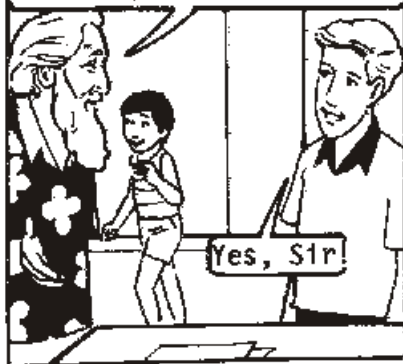
Oh my! I can't find it! Somebody could get hurt if they step on it!

I know what we can do! I can get my magnet, and that could pick up the pin magnetically!



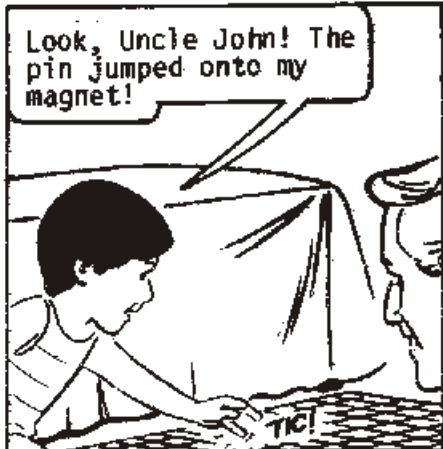
James, would you like to learn another trick you can do to have more natural light on your desk?

When you work by a window, you can put pieces of styrofoam or mirrors on the sides to catch the light and focus it on your work. Then it's like having two windows!

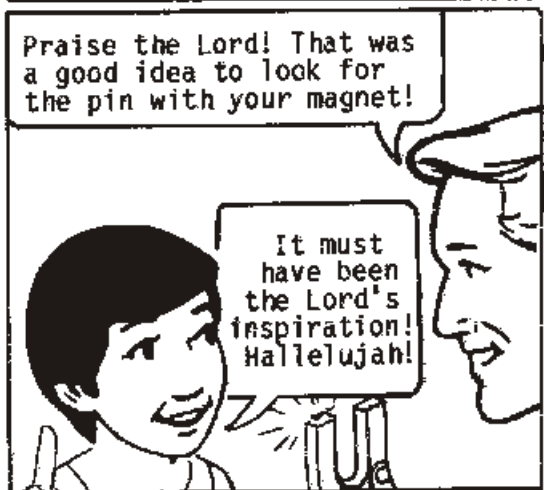




Well, it's one of those little scientific inventions that the Lord gives me when I ask Him to help me solve a problem.

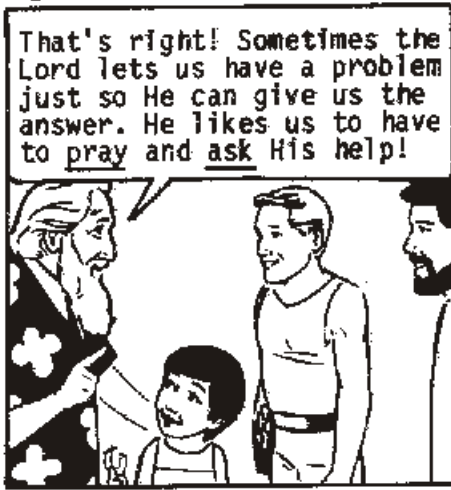


Look, Uncle John! The pin jumped onto my magnet!

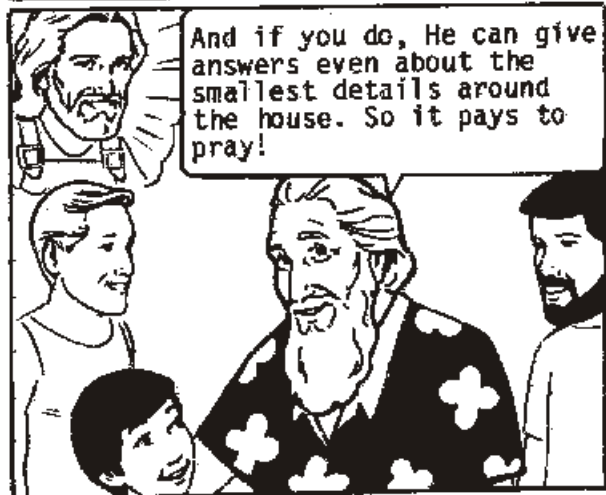


Praise the Lord! That was a good idea to look for the pin with your magnet!

It must have been the Lord's inspiration! Hallelujah!



That's right! Sometimes the Lord lets us have a problem just so He can give us the answer. He likes us to have to pray and ask His help!



And if you do, He can give answers even about the smallest details around the house. So it pays to pray!



And now it's lunchtime! So why don't we all clean up and put away our tools, and we'll continue our inspection tomorrow! God bless you, boys!

Yes, Sir! Praise the Lord!